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SUBJ: PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA WILL FOREGO USE OF WHO
FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR PROJECTS IN 1974/1975

1. AN INTRODUCTION TO DISCUSSION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1974 DIRECTOR GENERAL ANNOUNCED ORGANIZATION HAD RECEIVED LETTER FROM PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA STATING CHINA "IN PRINCIPLE" NOT PREPARED TO MAKE USE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED TO IT (CY 1974 \$900,000; CY 1975 \$1,000,000) "IN VIEW OUR PRINCIPLE OF SELF RELIANCE". DIRECTOR GENERAL INTERPRETED PRC ACTION AS AIMED AT STRENGTHENING WHO'S HELP TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, NOTING PRC INTENDS PLAY ACTIVE ROLE IN WHO PROGRAM. FOLLOWING THIS LINE, DG THEN PROPOSED 1974 FUNDS "FREED" BY PRC BE DEVOTED TO ORGANIZATION'S GREATEST CHALLENGE: REDUCTION OF SMALLPOX TO ZERO INCIDENCE. 1975 PROPOSED ALLOCATION WOULD BE DIVIDED IN EQUAL SHARES BETWEEN SMALLPOX AND BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH IN LDC'S ("USE AS FLEXIBLE CORE FUNDS FOR EXTENDING BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES").

2. REACTION OF BOARD TO PRC'S ACTION PROPOSAL IMMEDIATE AND POSITIVE. VIRTUALLY EVERY MEMBER (INCLUDING POLISH AND HUNGARIAN UNCLASSIFIED

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MEMBERS) COMMENDED PRC FOR "GENEROUS GESTURE". US REP STATED

APPRECIATION FOR PRC ATTITUDE THIS MATTER BUT NONETHELESS EXPRESSED
HOPE PRC WOULD NOT FOREGO ALTOGETHER OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE
IN ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES WHICH CAN PROVIDE CONSIDERABLE
INTANGIBLE BENEFITS. HE NOTED HIGH PRIORITY WHICH ORGANIZATION
HAD ALWAYS GIVEN SMALLPOX ERADICATION AND VALUED DG'S JUDGEMENT
THAT FUNDS COULD BEST BE USED TO THIS END. HOPED DG WOULD PRO-
VIDE GREATER DETAILS CONCERNING RESEARCH PROPOSAL WHEN BIOMEDIC-
AL RESEARCH PAPER DISCUSSED. (PRC MEMBER MADE NO INTERVENTION
DURING DISCUSSION.)

3. IN RELATED BUT SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT ADG FURTHER INFORMED US
REP THAT PRC OFFICIALS HAD EXPRESSED INTENTION IN NEAR FUTURE
TO VOLUNTARILY INCREASE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE REGULAR
BUDGET TO PERHAPS 7 PERCENT. BASSIN

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